tion under the provisions of the Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act, 1985, after assessing their viability and in consultation with all parties concerned.

PRICES AND PRODUCTION OF COTTON

2705. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) What is the applied administered price, external world market reference price and production of cotton for the last three years;

(b) What is the value of cotton according to internal applied administered price and external world market price;

(c) Whether it is fact that cotton is subjected to negative subsidy because of applied administered price; and

(d) if so, whether injustice is not being perpetrated on the cotton growing farmers and reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY) : (a) There no applied administered prices for cotton in India. Only Minimum Support Prices are fixed for different varieties of seed cotton. Minimum Support Prices for 2 major varieties viz. F-414 and H-4 are as under :—

	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94
F-414	695	800	900
H-4	840	950	1 050

Minimum Export Prices are fixed for exports of cotton. External world market reference prices are the 'A' and 'B' indices announced by 'cotton outlook' liverpool :

Month	1990-91		1991-92		1992-93	
	A	B	A	B	A	B
Sept.	81	77	70	68	56	51
Dec.	84	79	62	59	54	50
Marcl	84	77	55	51	62	57
July	81	75	65	56	58	55

Production of cotton in the last 3 years are as follows :

Year	(Qty. in lakh bales of 170 kgs. each.)
1990-91	117.00
1991-92	119.00
1992-93	135.00

(b) A Statement showing cotton prices of a few major varieties in the domestic market as well as price realisation in international market is attached. (*See* below) There are no internal applied administered prices.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

STATEMENT

Rates of cotton in the world market as compared to Indian market during the last three years were as under :

(Prices in Rs. per Kg.)

	Domestic prices			International Prices		
	1991	1992	1993	1991	1992	1993
1. J-34 SG	27.84	24.60	28.40	38.76 to 42.07	N.A.	30.93 to 37.50
2. H-4	37.96	27.98	33.74	40.80 to 45.64	N.A.	34.06 to 38.44
3. S-6	40.21	28.58	36.00	41.56 to 46.66	N.A.	34.77 to 40.31

CLOSURE OF NTC MILLS

2706. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD :

SMT. VEENA VERMA :

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Textiles Research Association has opposed the move for outright closure of a number of NTC mills;

(b) if so, under what circumstances these NTC mills are sought to be closed down indicating the working conditions and the cost of modernisation of these mills; and

(c) what is Government's final decision in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY) : (a) to (c) Four Textiles Research Associations namely, ATIRA, BTRA, SITRA and NITRA have, on the directions of the Ministry of Textiles prepared fresh modernisation plans for the revival of NTC and submitted them to the Sub-Committee for the Special Committee on NTC, the Sub-committee has not yet submitted its report to Government.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO SICK TEXTILE UNITS

2707. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA :

SHRI SARLA MOHANTY :

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY :

SHRI G. G. SWELL :

SMT. RENUKA CHOWDHURY :

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) the reasons due to which textiles labour unions are not coming forward to take over sick units and run them on co-operative lines;

(b) whether Govt. have offered them viable textile units;

(c) if so, the details of financial requirement for retrenchment of staff and modernisation of these units;